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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I very much value affordable, local internet carriers in competition with each other. I have had Comcast and have moved on to Sonic, a local gigabit-to-home provider in CA. Let me say that having just one alternative to Comcast has been great for local competition.

The US of A is very far behind, if media reports, and the FCC's report at <https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/reports/international-broadband-data-reports/international-broadband-data-report-4> are to be believed, we are not leading the way on internet access.

The world is watching folks line their pockets on the backs of people that need the US to treat internet access as a fundamental human right, and a utility.

Thank you!

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